

Mission Automation for "A Train" Correlative Measurements

***EOS Dynamic Replanning Using the Earth Phenomena
Observing System***

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Overview – Previous AIST Efforts

- **Developed technologies for an automated mission manager that:**
 - Efficiently utilizes a complementary and cooperative suite of heterogeneous Earth-observing space-based pointable and taskable sensor platforms
 - Responds to significant events, providing enhanced understanding of ephemeral Earth phenomena that impact human life and property, e.g., hurricanes, volcanoes, biomass burning (e.g., forest fires)
 - Provides for long-term data gathering
- **Developed EPOS (Earth Phenomena Observing System) v1.0 – v4.0**
 - Moved from TRL 1/2 to TRL 3
 - **EPOS 1.0**
 - Optimized dynamic replanning with potentially maneuvering satellites, few targets
 - **EPOS 2.0**
 - Optimized dynamic replanning with many coasting satellites/sensors (tested with up to 105), many targets, multiple targets (tested with up to 1450)
 - **EPOS 3.0**
 - Modeled existing EOS satellites (and satellites to be launched in the near future)
 - MODIS Cloud Mask data used as input
 - Moved to TRL 4
 - **EPOS 4.0**
 - Capability to use operational AFWA cloud coverage forecasts as input
 - Modeled Aura sensors: TES, HIRDLS

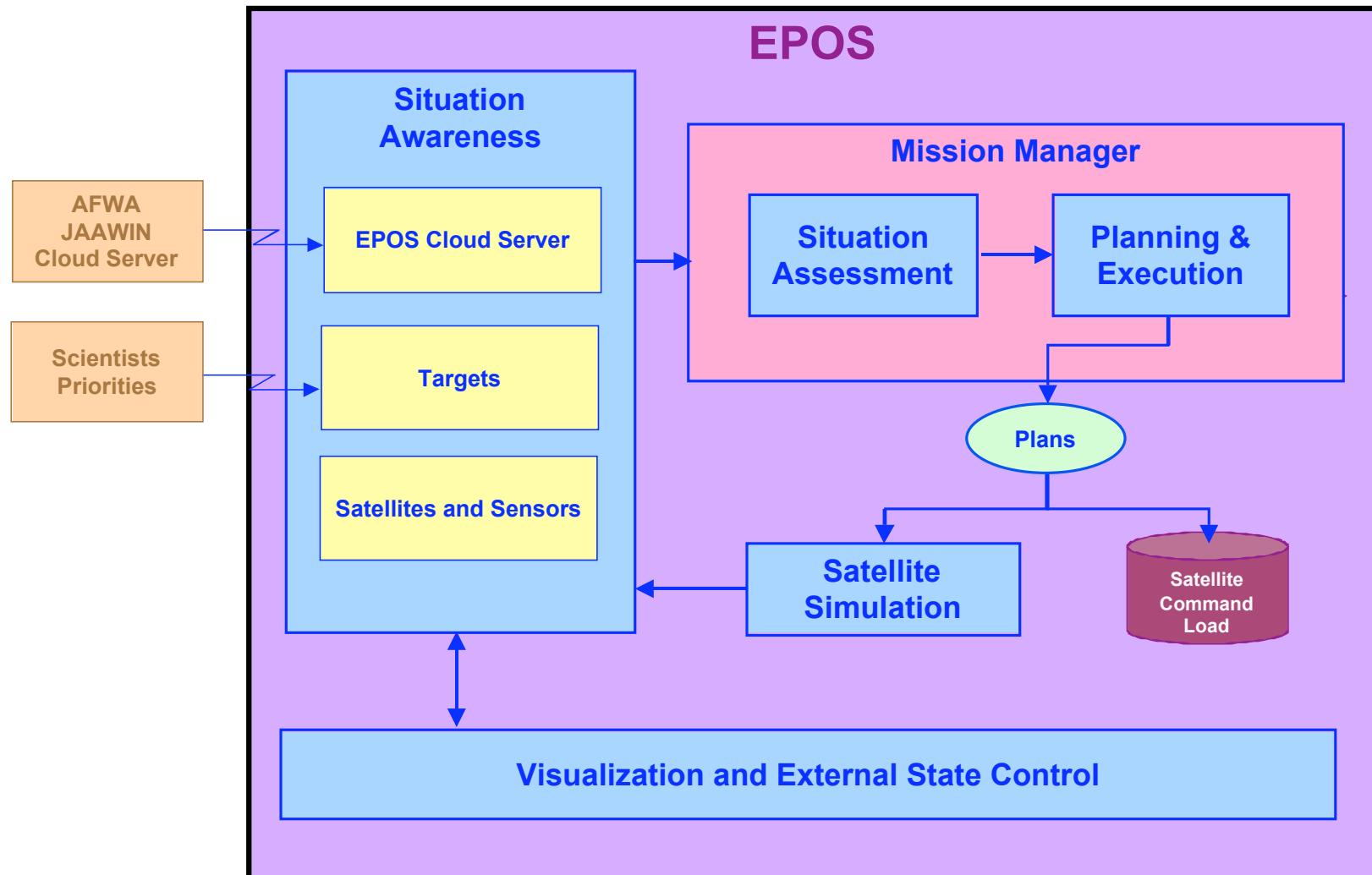
Overview – Current AIST Effort

- **Objective**
 - Increase the value of data gathered by Earth observing satellites
- **Approach**
 - Develop concepts of operation
 - Extend and enhance EPOS to support EO-1 operations
 - Situation awareness/assessment
 - Cloud coverage forecasts
 - Target lists and priorities
 - Planning and execution
 - Near real-time target selection
 - Development, implementation and integration of other EOS sensor models for TRL 3-4 testing

EPOS for EO-1 Status

- Currently EO-1 operations are moving toward being more and more automated
- We are in the process of integrating and automating the portion of EPOS functionality used for supporting EO-1 operations
- Currently performing initial testing
- Autonomous 24/7 use of EPOS in support of EO-1 operations by this fall

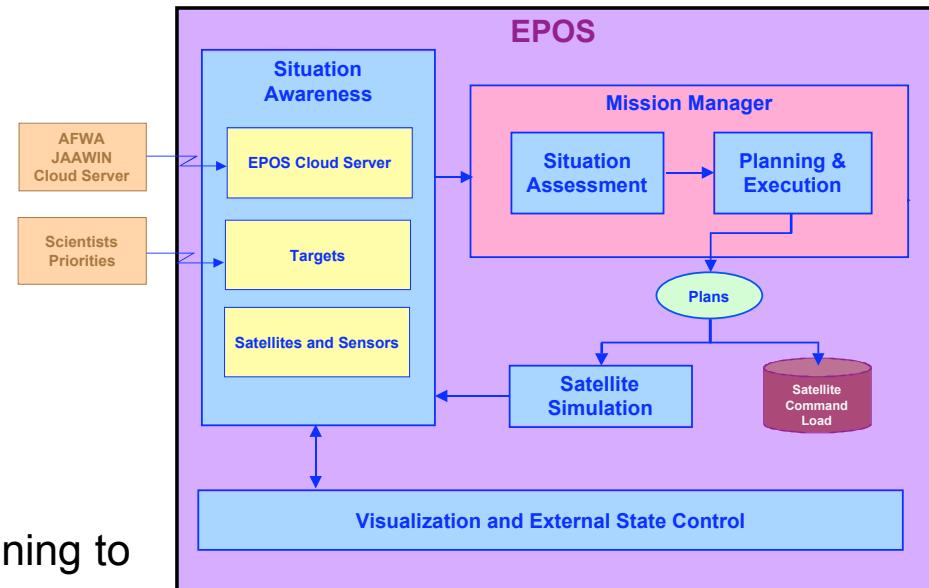
EPOS System Architecture



Concept of Operations

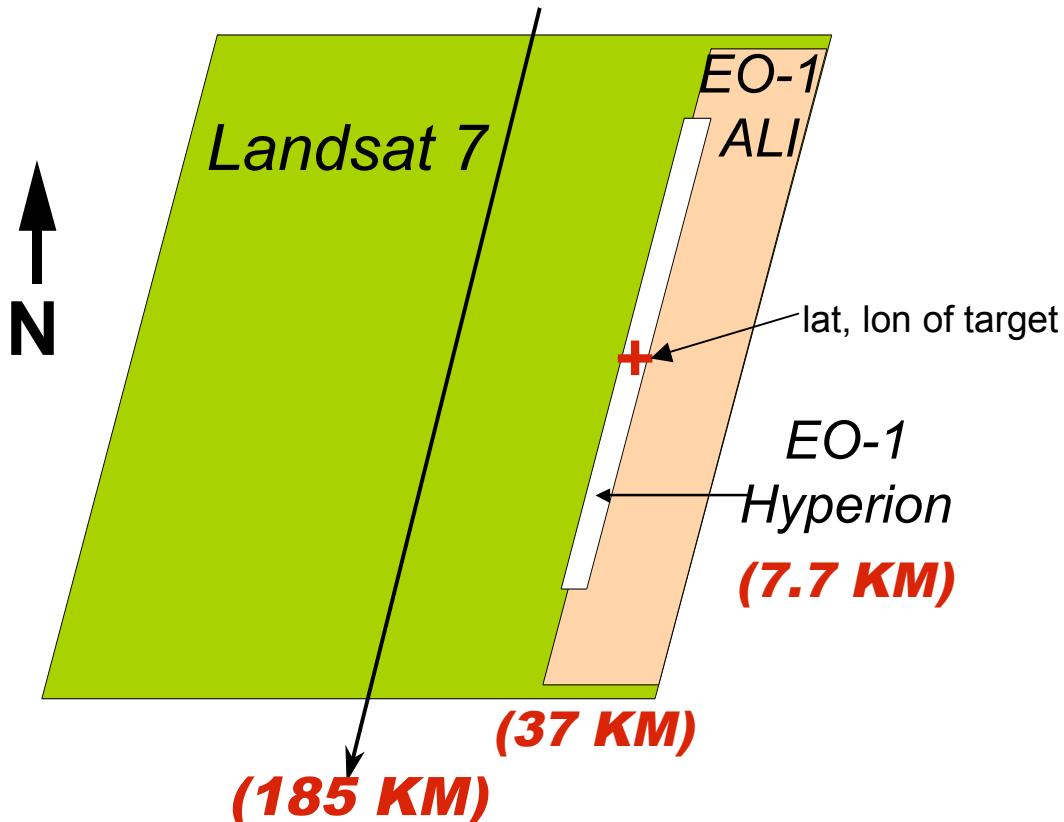
Single Sensor Dynamic Tasking – EO-1 Hyperion

- **Inputs**
 - AFWA forecasts of cloud coverage
 - Prioritized imaging requests for scenes
- **Situation Awareness**
 - Cloud cover forecast
 - Target list and priorities
 - Satellite/sensor models
- **Situation Assessment**
 - Provides data to event-based replanning to improve the likelihood of getting a cloud-free image
- **Planning & Execution**
 - Optimization-based planning to maximize total value gained from observations, e.g., cloud-free scenes
 - Execution is performed by creating appropriate command loads with sufficient lead time for uploading
- **Visualization**
 - Allows the user to examine potential image sites along with either current or forecast cloud cover



EO-1 Imaging

- Hyperion on EO-1 is a high resolution hyperspectral imager
- Has capabilities for off-nadir pointing
 - For off-nadir pointing, EO-1 is slewed
- EO-1 and Landsat 7 Descending Orbit Ground Tracks



Cloud Cover Data

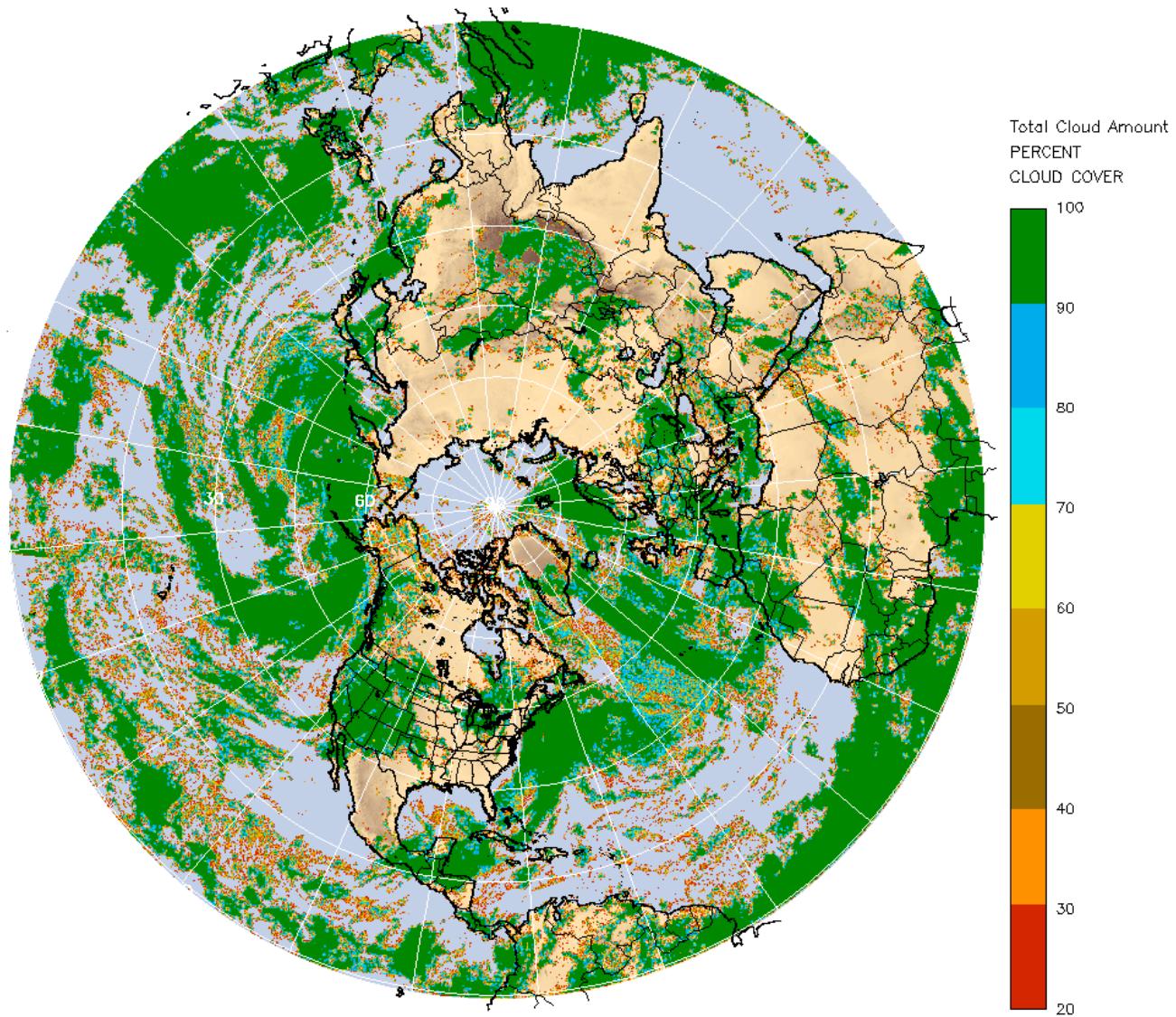
- **Data from AFWA's Stochastic Cloud Forecast Model is used for cloud cover forecasting and decision-making in EPOS**
- **The model uses observed cloud data from five geosynchronous and four polar orbiting satellites**
- **AFWA's cloud forecast system provides hemispheric polar-stereographic grids in Gridded Binary format at six-hour intervals**
 - The data is provided in polar-stereographic grids of 1024 by 1024 for each hemisphere with cells having a rectangular dimension of approximately 24 km at $\pm 60^\circ$ latitude
 - Cloud forecasts are generated at 00Z, 06Z, 12Z and 18Z; each forecast contains 56 files
 - **One forecast file for each hemisphere for every 3-hour period in an 84 hour forecast duration**
 - **Cloud amounts are expressed in percentages to the nearest 1%,**
 - **The cloud forecast is available on the EPOS Cloud Server approximately 1.5 hours after the generation times**

AFWA Visualized Cloud Data

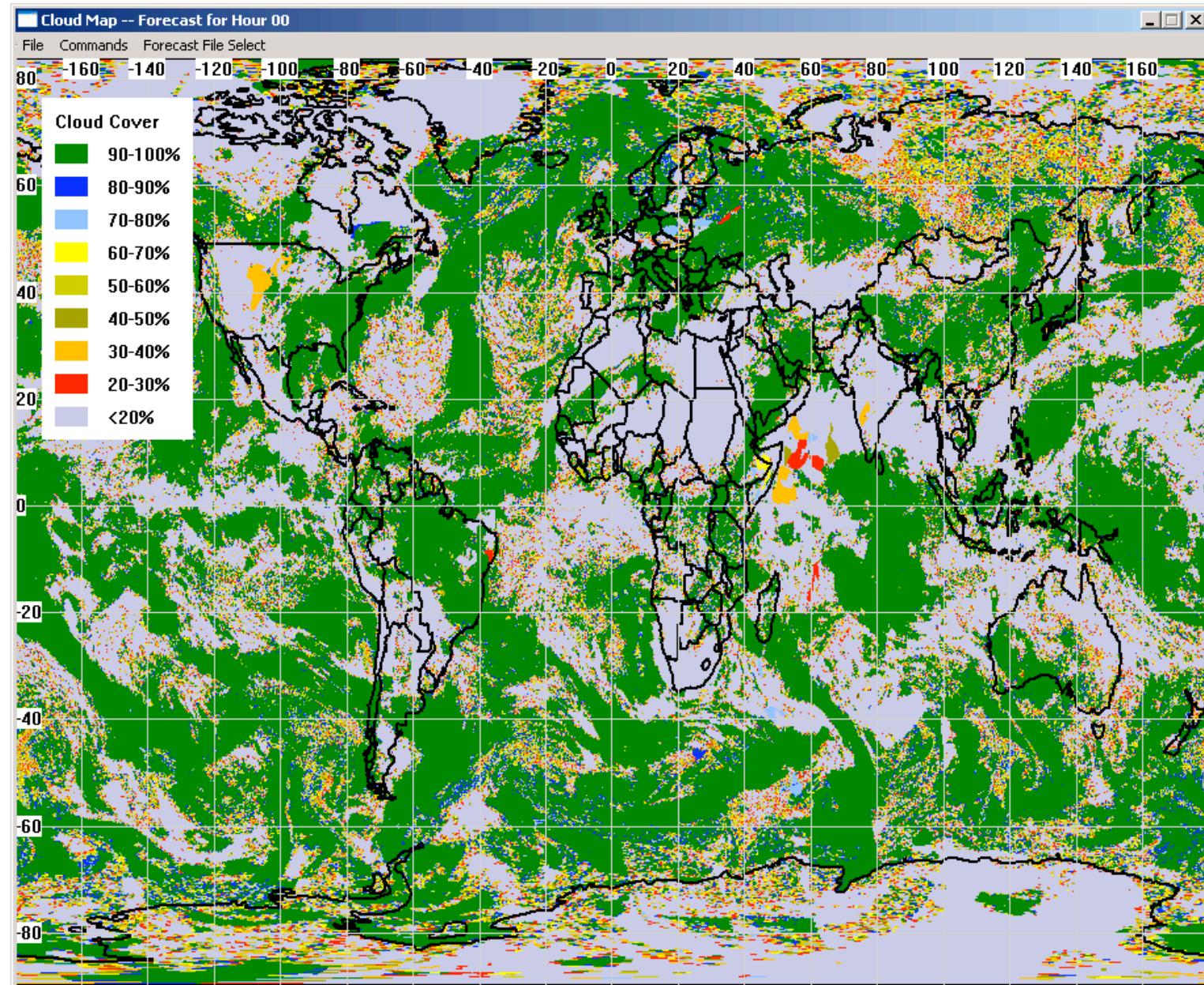
TOTAL CLOUD AMOUNT WITH COLOR

COLORS REPRESENT TOTAL CLOUD PERCENT

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Latitude/Longitude View of Cloud Data



EO-1 Target List

- The target list for EO-1 is provided weekly in the form of a table
- The primary target is marked with a single x, secondary target with xx
- Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C) messages occur at an SB Pass
- Downloading of the image data and subsequent reinitialization of the onboard data storage occurs at an XB Pass

Primary target

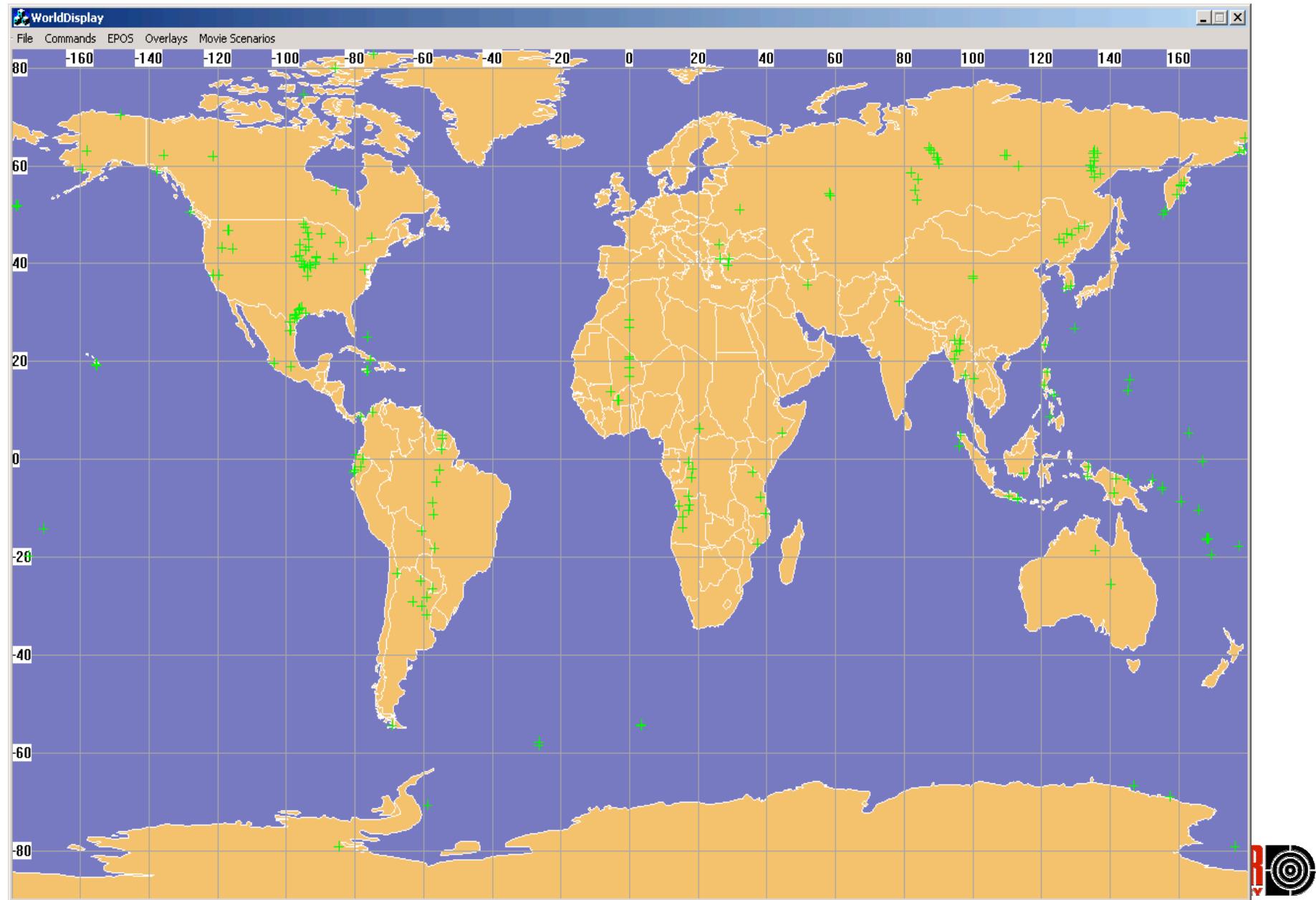
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	Petermann G1 Night [EDC/E2] 9794 JPL	PRI DCE	165:21:19:58	165:21:20:09	0:00:11	80.75	-54
	Ward Hunt Ice Shelf Night [EDC/E2] 9449 JP	PRI DCE	165:21:20:10	165:21:20:33	0:00:23	82.75	-74.5833
	Prudhoe Bay [EDC/E] 7594 JPL	PRI DCE	165:21:26:06	165:21:26:15	0:00:09	70.336	-148.362
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x	Dillingham [EDC/N] 3365f	PRI DCE	165:21:29:24	165:21:29:33	0:00:09	59.04	-158.456
	Ilinik [EDC/N] 4074f	PRI DCE	165:21:30:06	165:21:30:13	0:00:07	56.59694	-159.626
	Mastuevich Glacier [EDC/N] 8157 JPL	PRI DCE	165:22:05:11	165:22:05:19	0:00:08	-68.9968	157.4081
		Eclipse	165:22:10:21		0:33:38		
		Light	165:22:44:10		1:04:54		
x	TT&C → SB Pass		165:22:51:01	165:23:03:06	0:12:05		
xx	Data download → XB Pass		165:22:51:01	165:23:03:06	0:12:05		
x	XB Pass		165:22:51:01	165:23:02:48	0:11:47		
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		Light	166:00:23:03		1:04:53		

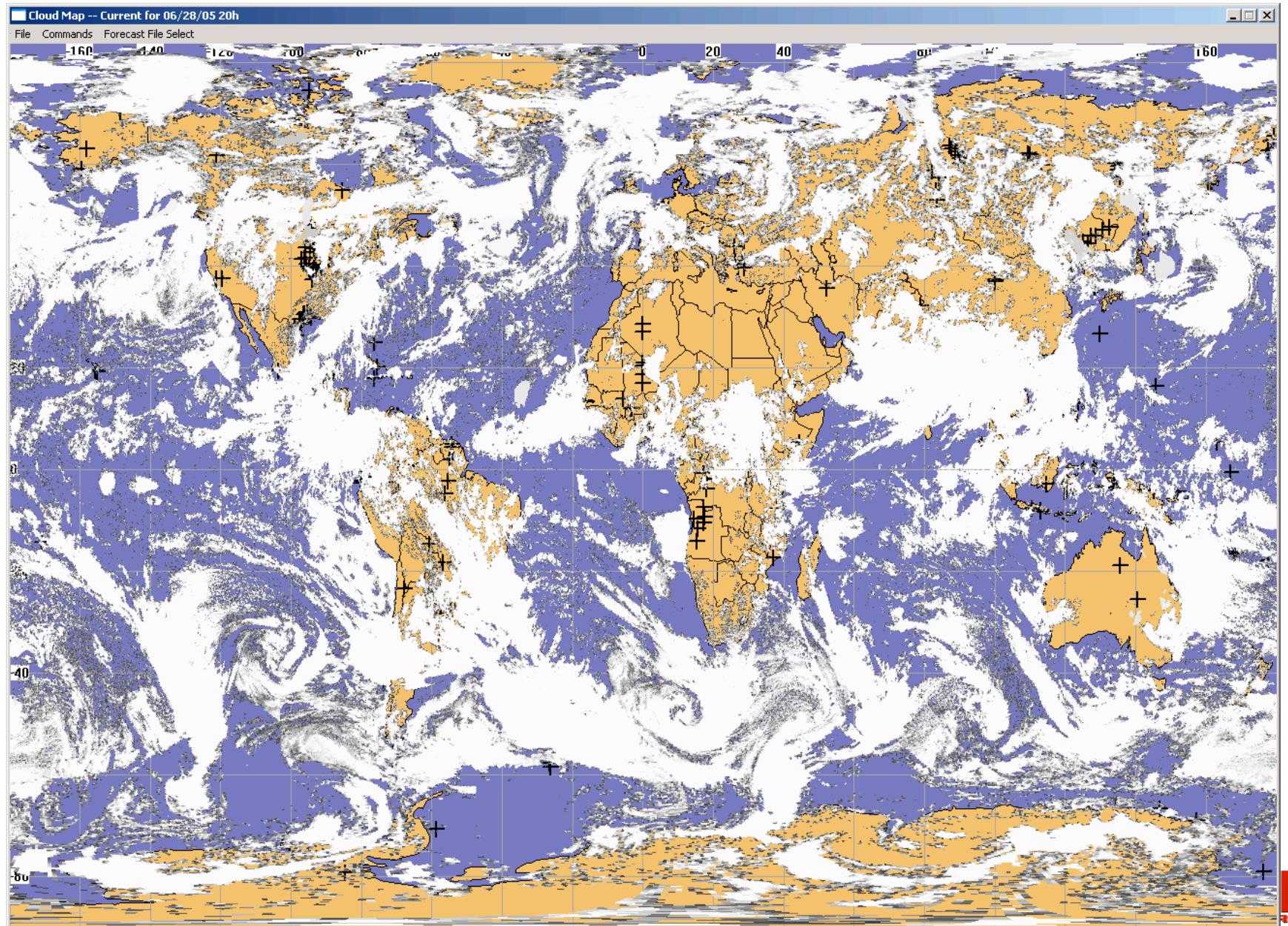
EO-1 Target Priorities

Priority	Description
100 (highest)	Anomaly Investigation
200	Security
300	Emergency Response
400	EO-1 Sensor Calibrations and Maintenance
500	Priority Tasked with Coordinated Ground Truth
600	Priority Paid
625	JPL Priority
650	Paid
675	JPL & Bulk Customer
700	Sensorweb Priority
750	Sensorweb and Speculatively Tasked Emergency Response
800	Priority Speculative USGS or NASA Science
850	Speculative USGS or NASA Science
900 (lowest)	USGS Speculative

Targets



Targets and Clouds



Cloud Forecasts will Improve Value

		Actual	
		Not Cloudy	Cloudy
Forecast	Not Cloudy	19.3%	9.9%
	Cloudy	21.4%	49.4%

- ~200 targets from June 2 – 26, 2005
- Forecast lead time of six hours
- In this case, using a forecast results in 66.2% of the images that are not cloud covered
- Operating without considering cloud forecasts results in 40.7% of images that are not cloud covered

Optimization-Based Observation Planning Approaches

“Snapshot” Sensors: Plan Optimization

- Maximize total science utility from all sensors for each time period t in the planning horizon T
- Identify *primary* target for each sensor

Top Level
(for all sensors, $t = 1$)

Top Level
(for all sensors, $t = 2$)

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Top Level
(for all sensors, $t = T$)

Primary target for each sensor, for $t = 1$ to T

Bottom Level
(for all t , sensor 1)

Bottom Level
(for all t , sensor 2)

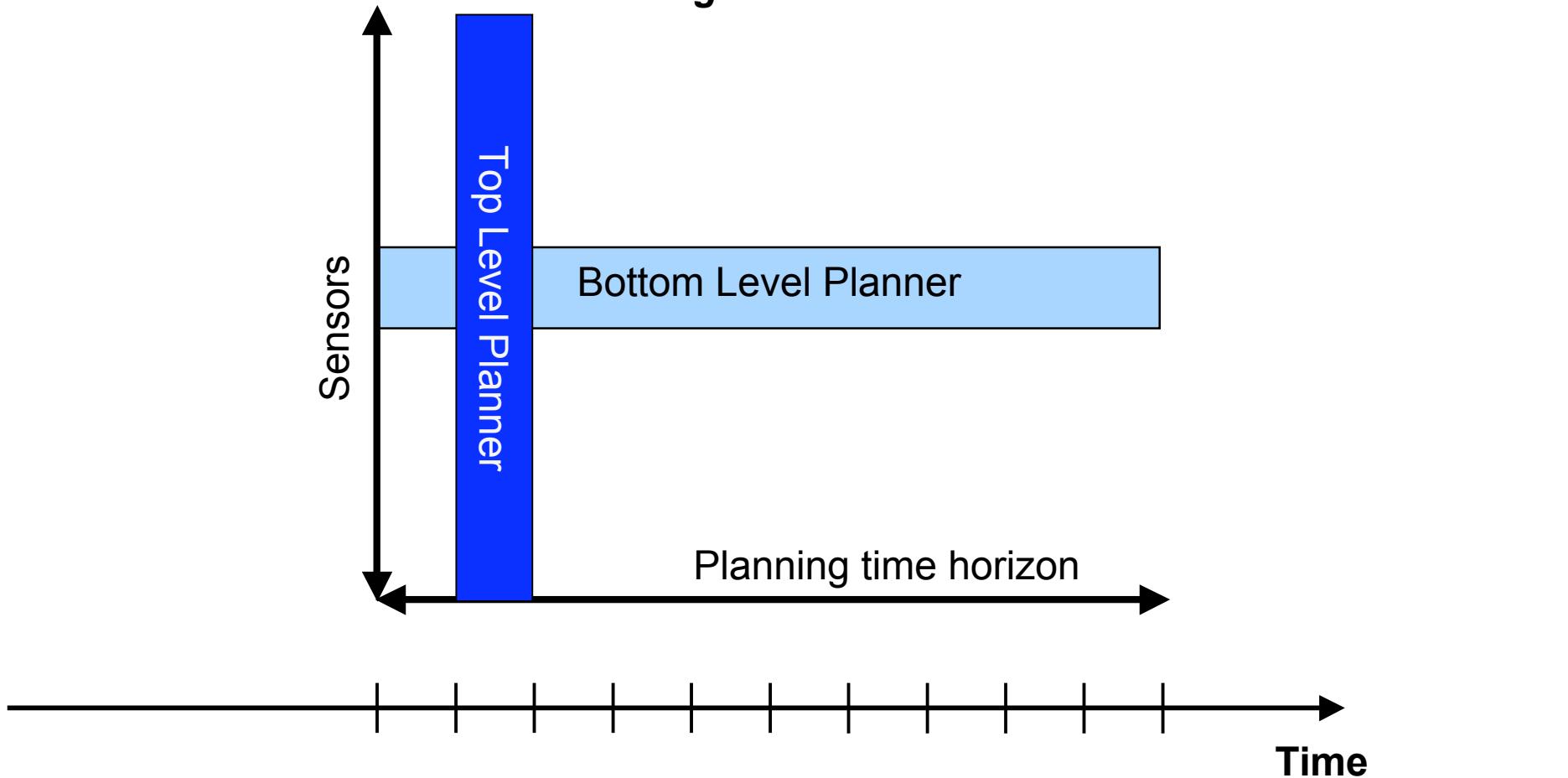
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Bottom Level
(for all t , sensor N)

- Refine top level plan
- Maximize total science utility for each sensor over the planning horizon
 - Considers primary, secondary and long-term targets
- Generate pointing commands for each sensor

“Snapshot” Sensors: Decomposition

- Top level considers *all* sensors and targets for a *single* time period
- Bottom level considers a *single* sensor for the *entire* time horizon



Modal Sensor Planning: General Problem

- **Input data:**
 - A planning interval, a set of modes, an observation value function, and the amount of resources (e.g., data storage) available
- **Decisions:**
 - A sensor tasking plan
- **Objective:**
 - Maximize total observation value
- **Constraints:**
 - Available resources

Modal Sensor Planning: Special Case

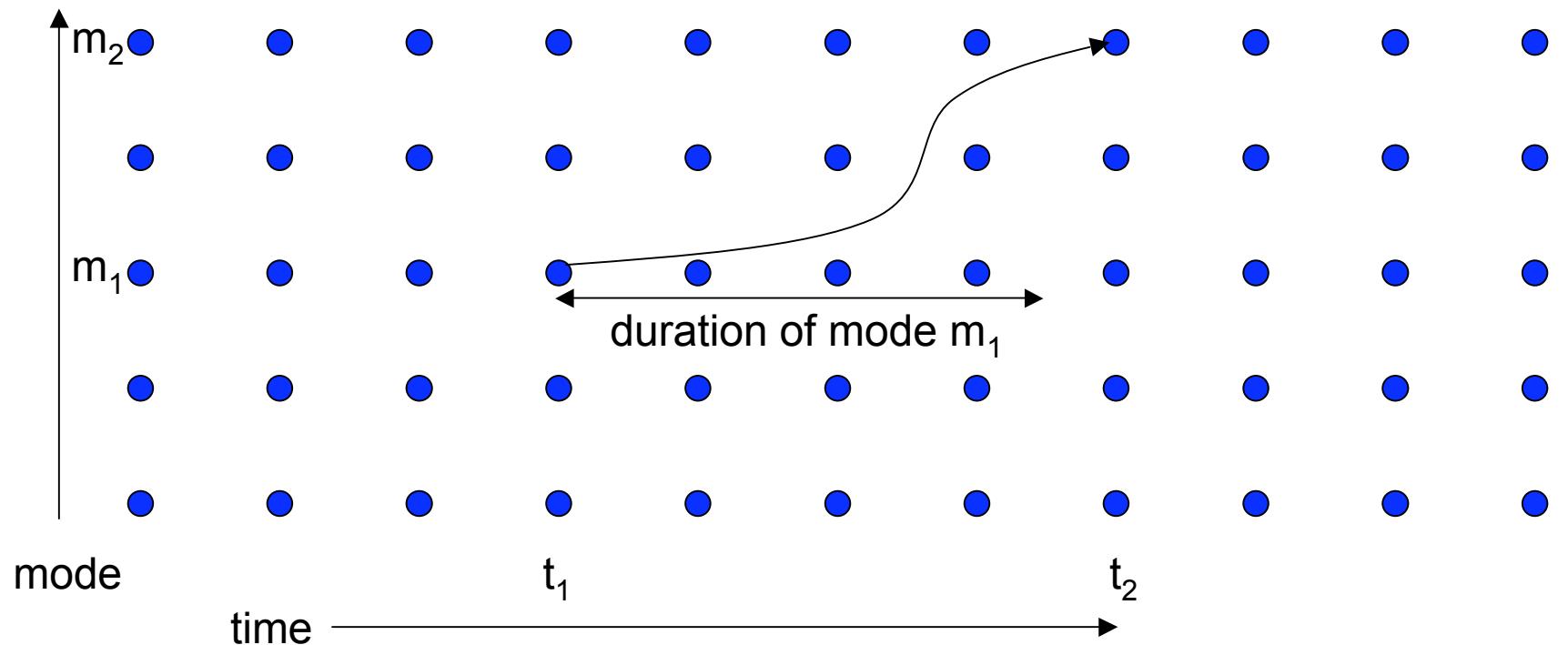
- Mode transition times are chosen from a discrete subset of the planning interval
- There is an idle mode whose duration is arbitrarily small
 - This technical condition makes it easy to schedule the idle mode
- A mode, if scheduled, runs to completion
 - The instrument is idle from the time of mode completion until the next available transition time
- There are no resource constraints

Modal Sensor Plan Optimization

- A sensor tasking plan is a time-tagged sequence of mode commands $(t_1, m_1), (t_2, m_2), \dots, (t_r, m_r)$
 - Command mode m_1 at time t_1 , then command mode m_2 at time t_2 , and so forth
- A mode can correspond to a scan pattern in the sensor pointing angles
 - E.g., design of HIRDLS Global Observing Mode
- Modes have a duration = $T(m)$
 - E.g., TES Global Survey Mode has a duration of 81.2 seconds

Modal Sensor Planning: Acyclic Graph

Cost on feasible arc leaving mode m at time t_1 = -value of starting mode m_1 at time t_1
Consider only the arcs that go to a node with time greater than the duration of mode m_1



Optimized Plan

- The optimal plan is found by finding the shortest path in the acyclic graph
- A shortest path in a topologically ordered directed acyclic graph with n vertices and e edges and a unique source vertex (a vertex which is smallest in the topological ordering) can be determined in time $O(n + e)$
- For an example with 5 modes (including idle), with durations between 27 and 93 seconds and a planning horizon of 90 minutes (5400 seconds)
 - 27,005 nodes
 - ~135,000 edges
 - 47 milliseconds for the optimal path (3.2 GHz Pentium 4 / Windows XP)

EO-1 Scene Planning

(Simulation only)

Planning using Dynamic Programming (1)

- **Inputs**
 - Target location (lat, lon)
 - Imaging start and end times
- **Constraints**
 - Resource availability (e.g., storage)
 - Slew rate bounds
- **Intermediate calculations**
 - Initial pointing angles
 - Final pointing angles
- **Target i represented by $(t_i, x_i, y_i, t'_i, x'_i, y'_i, r_i, v_i)$**
 - t_i is time at which imaging of i would commence, t'_i is time at which imaging of i would end, x_i and y_i are initial pointing angles, x'_i and y'_i are final pointing angles, r_i is resource needed (e.g., data storage), and v_i is value

Planning using Dynamic Programming (2)

Choose a target subsequence S of largest total value, subject to a resource constraint:

$$\sum_{i \in S} r_i \leq R$$

and to slewing constraints: If i and j are consecutive elements of S , we require that

$$|x_j - x'_i| \leq (t_j - t'_i - \sigma)s_x$$

$$|y_j - y'_i| \leq (t_j - t'_i - \sigma)s_y$$

Constants s_x and s_y are slew rate bounds; σ is a constant called settling time.

Planning using Dynamic Programming (3)

- Let q denote system state
 - q is a 4-tuple (t, x, y, r) where x and y are pointing angles which occur at time t , and r is resource available.
- Target $i = (t_i, x_i, y_i, t'_i, x'_i, y'_i, r_i, v_i)$ is **feasible** from $q = (t, x, y, r)$, and write $i \mid q$ if the following four conditions hold:

$$t_i \leq t \quad r_i \leq r \quad |x_i - x| \leq (t_i - t - \sigma)s_x \quad |y_i - y| \leq (t_i - t - \sigma)s_y$$

- Each state q has value $V(q)$, the largest total value we can obtain by scheduling targets if the initial state is q
 - The principle of optimality allows value to be determined recursively

$$V(q) = \max_{i \mid q} (v_i + V(q^i))$$

- where the state q^i is defined as follows:

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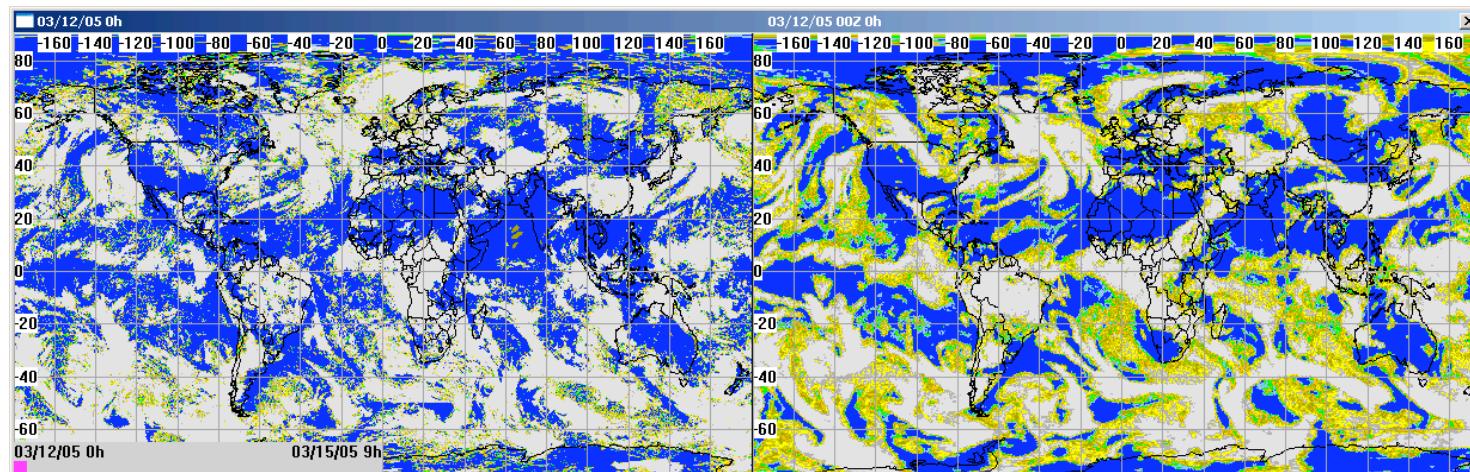
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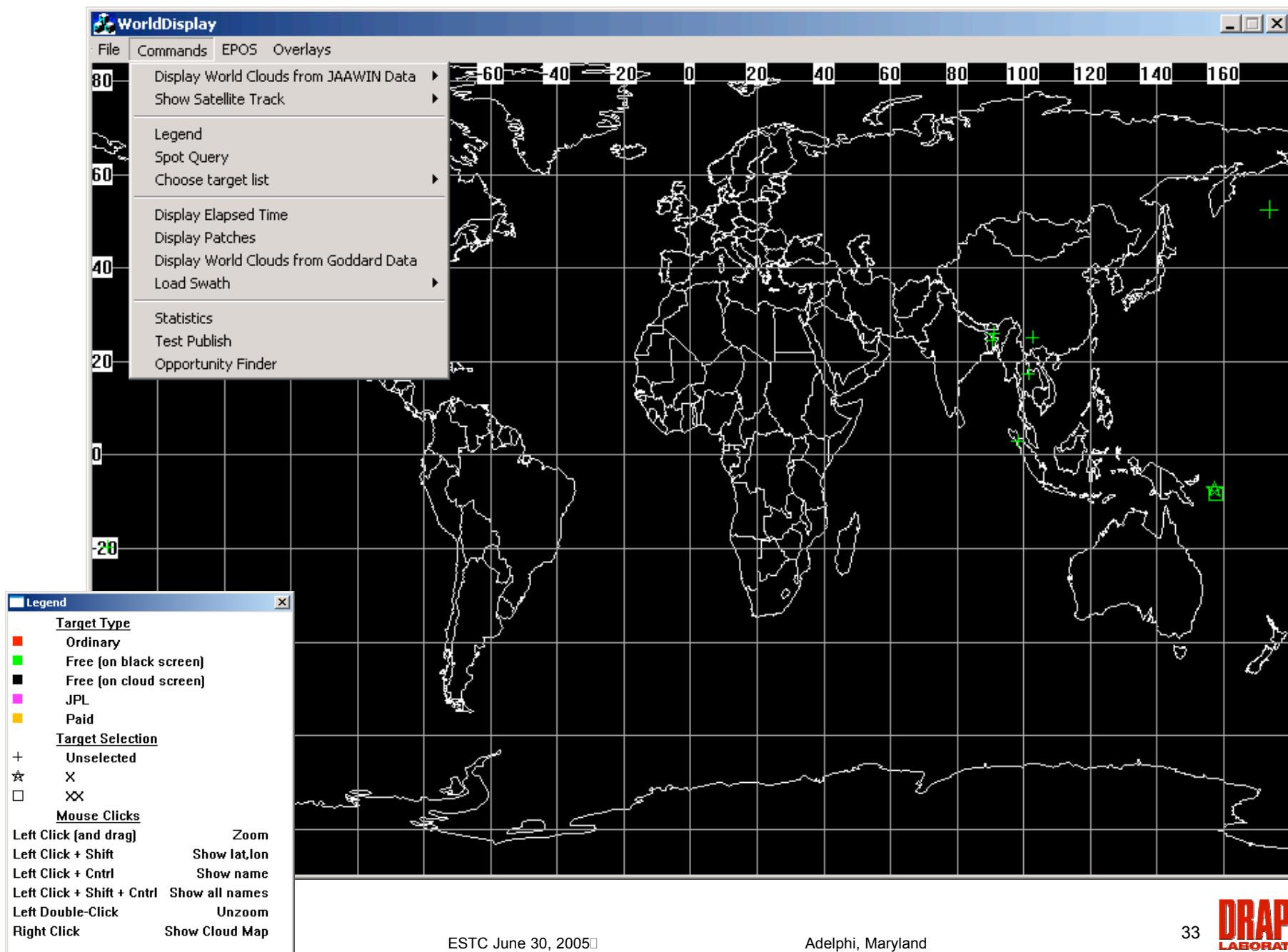
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Visualization

Visualization

- **The EPOS WorldDisplay presents a Mercator projection of the Earth**
 - It includes administrative boundaries, rivers, targets, satellite ground tracks, and cloud cover
 - It can show the EO-1 swath of potential views, i.e., an optional display of 2.5 WRS swath on either side of the nadir track of EO-1
 - It can be used to generate single images or a series of images as a movie.
- **The first frame of an example side-by-side movie is shown**





Opportunity Finder

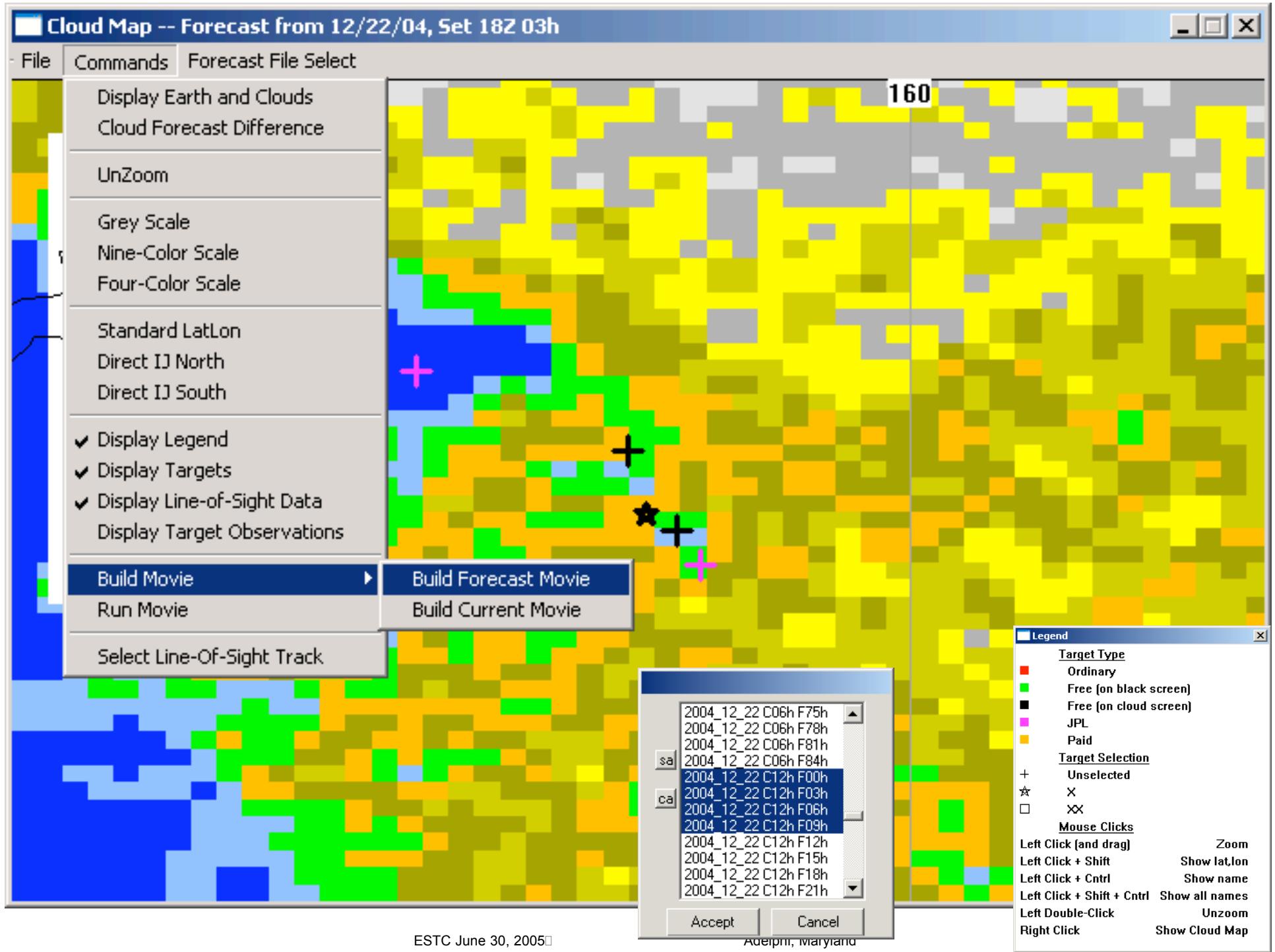
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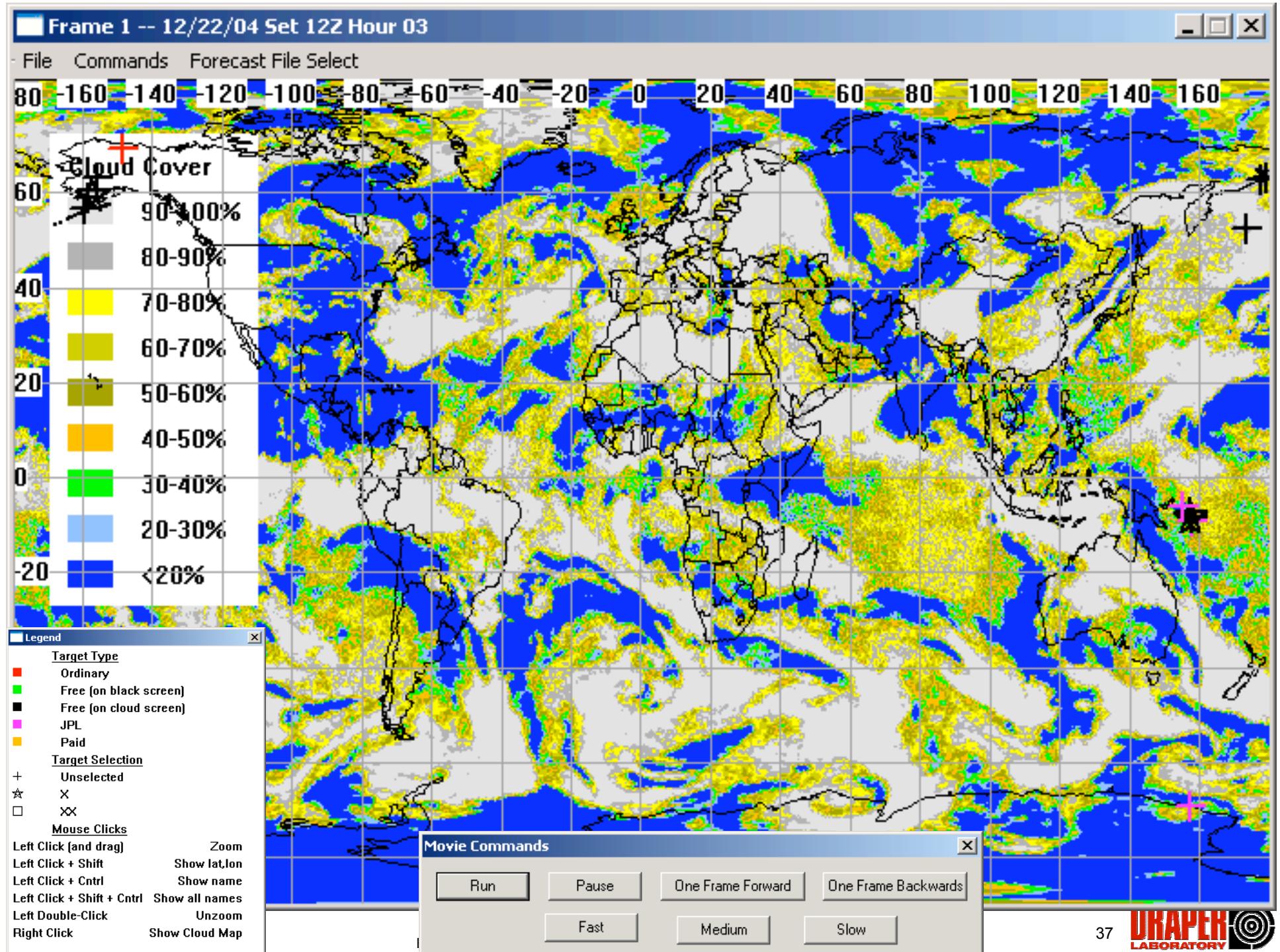
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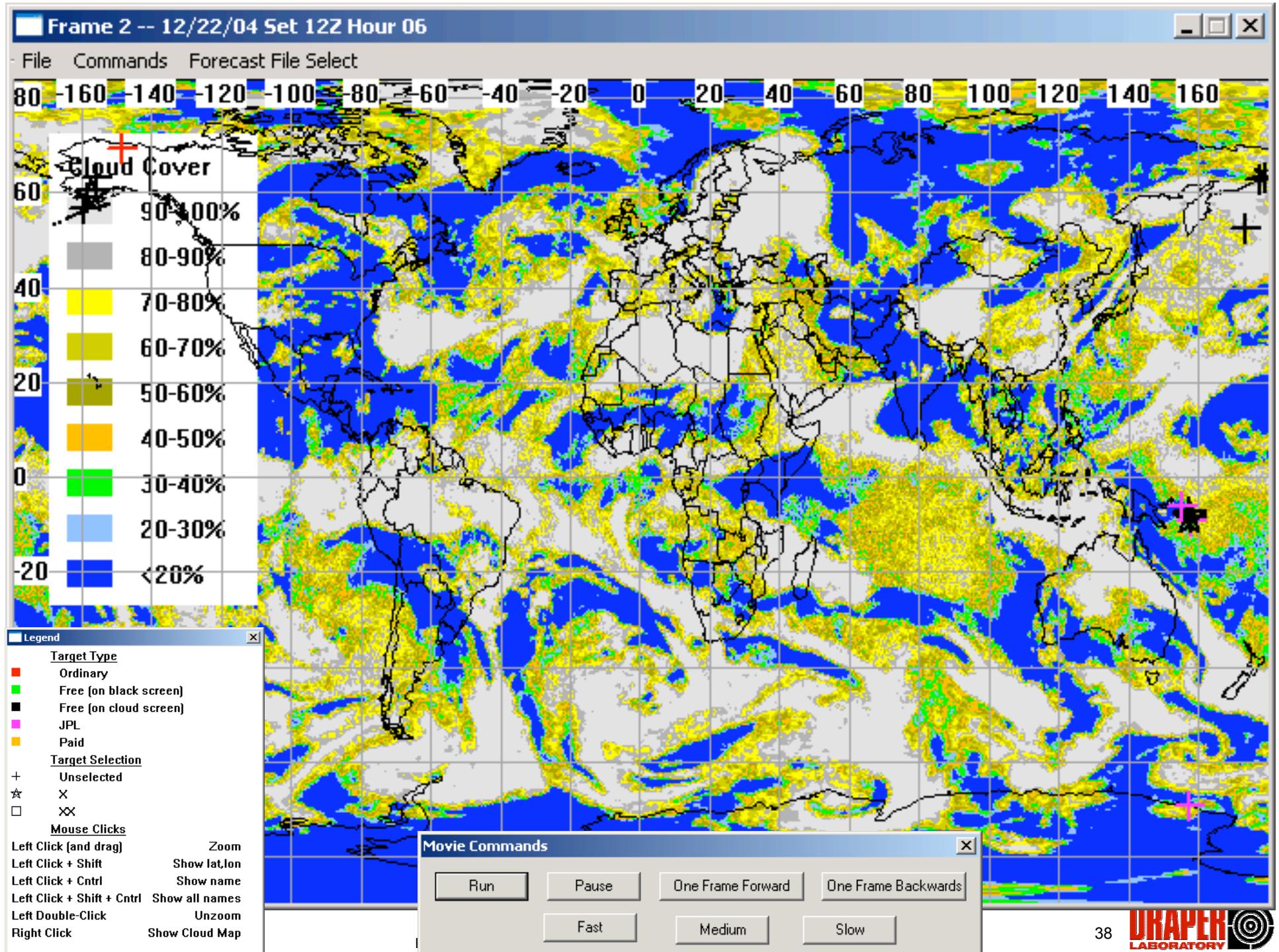
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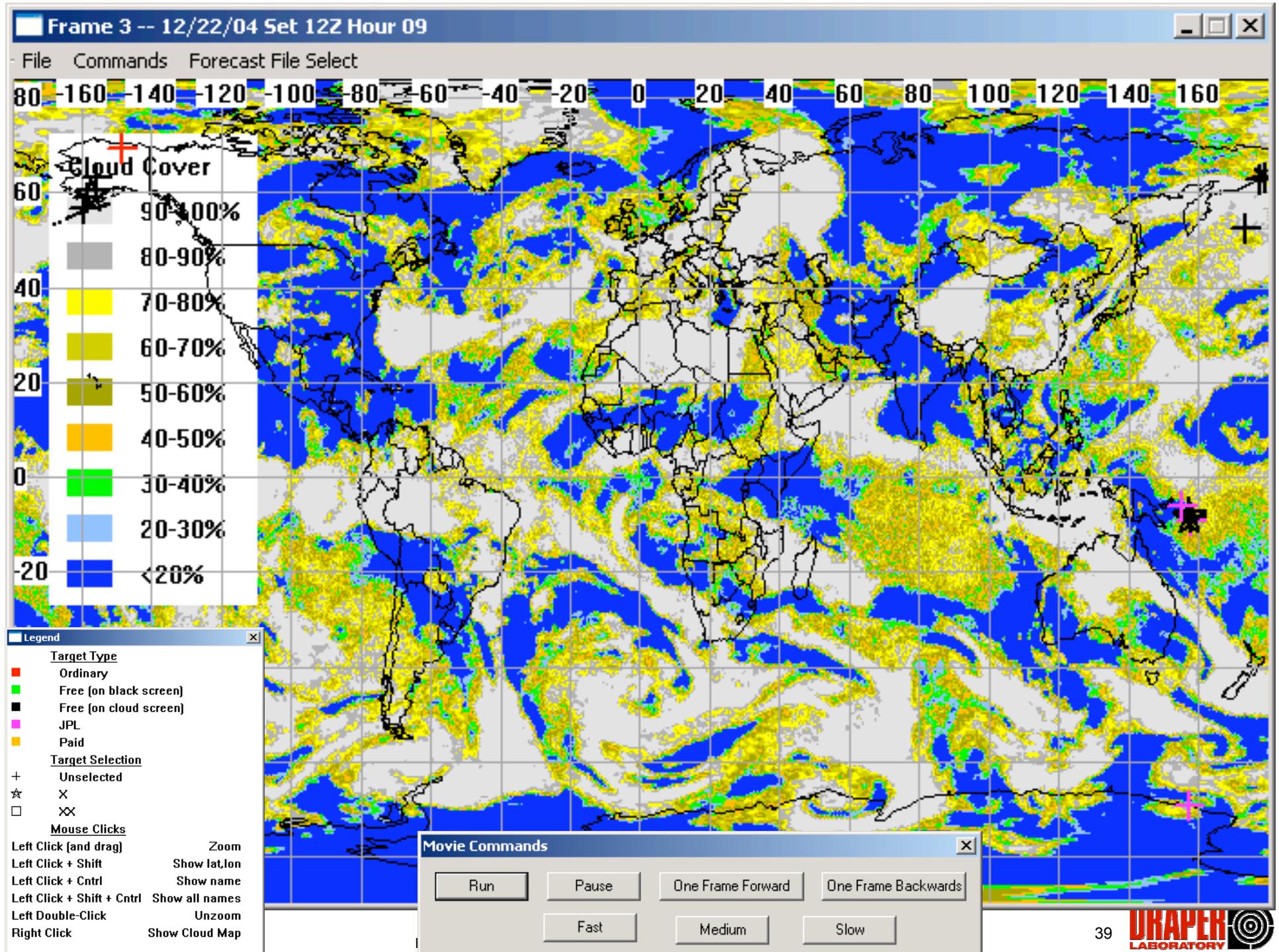
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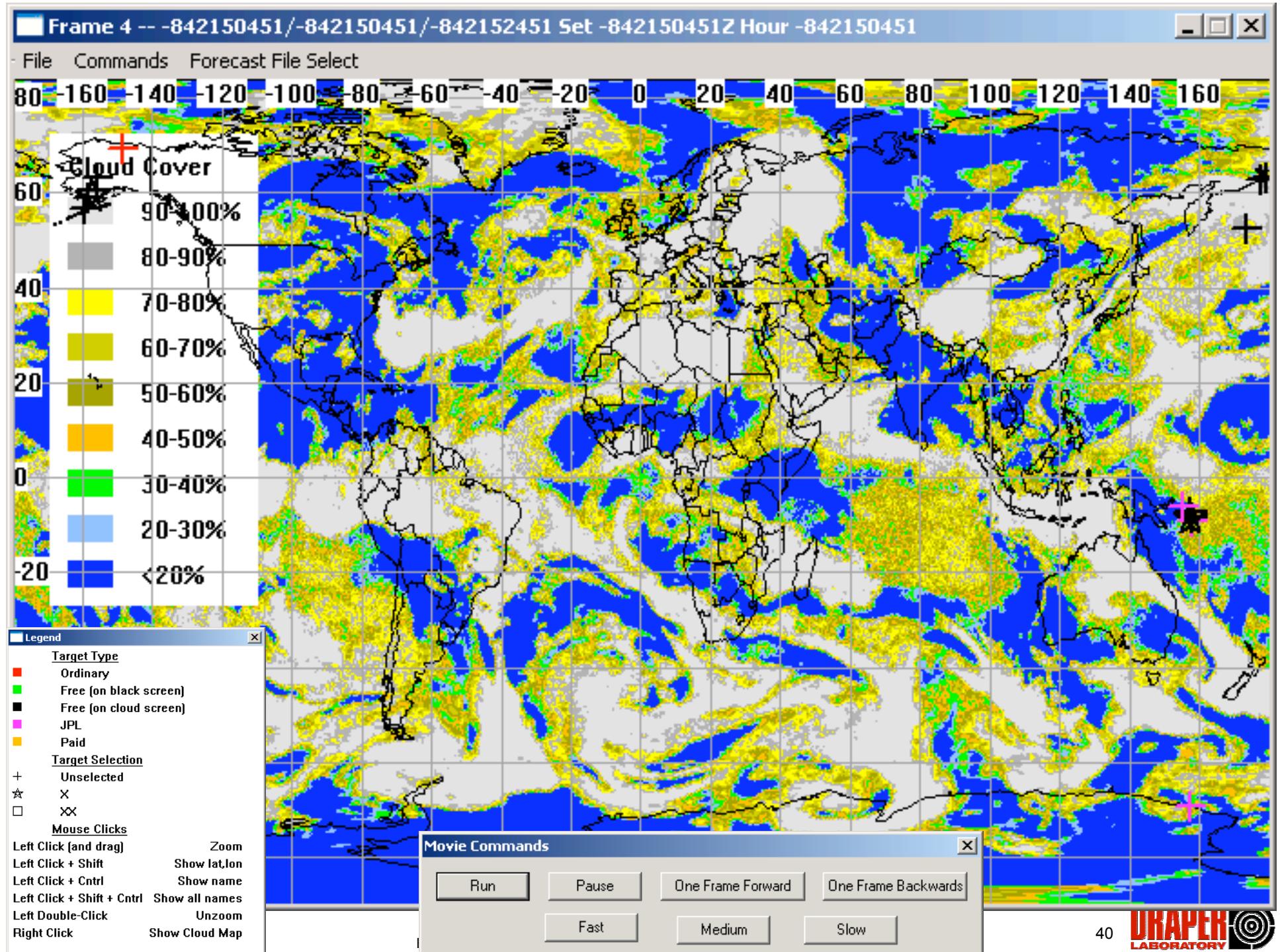
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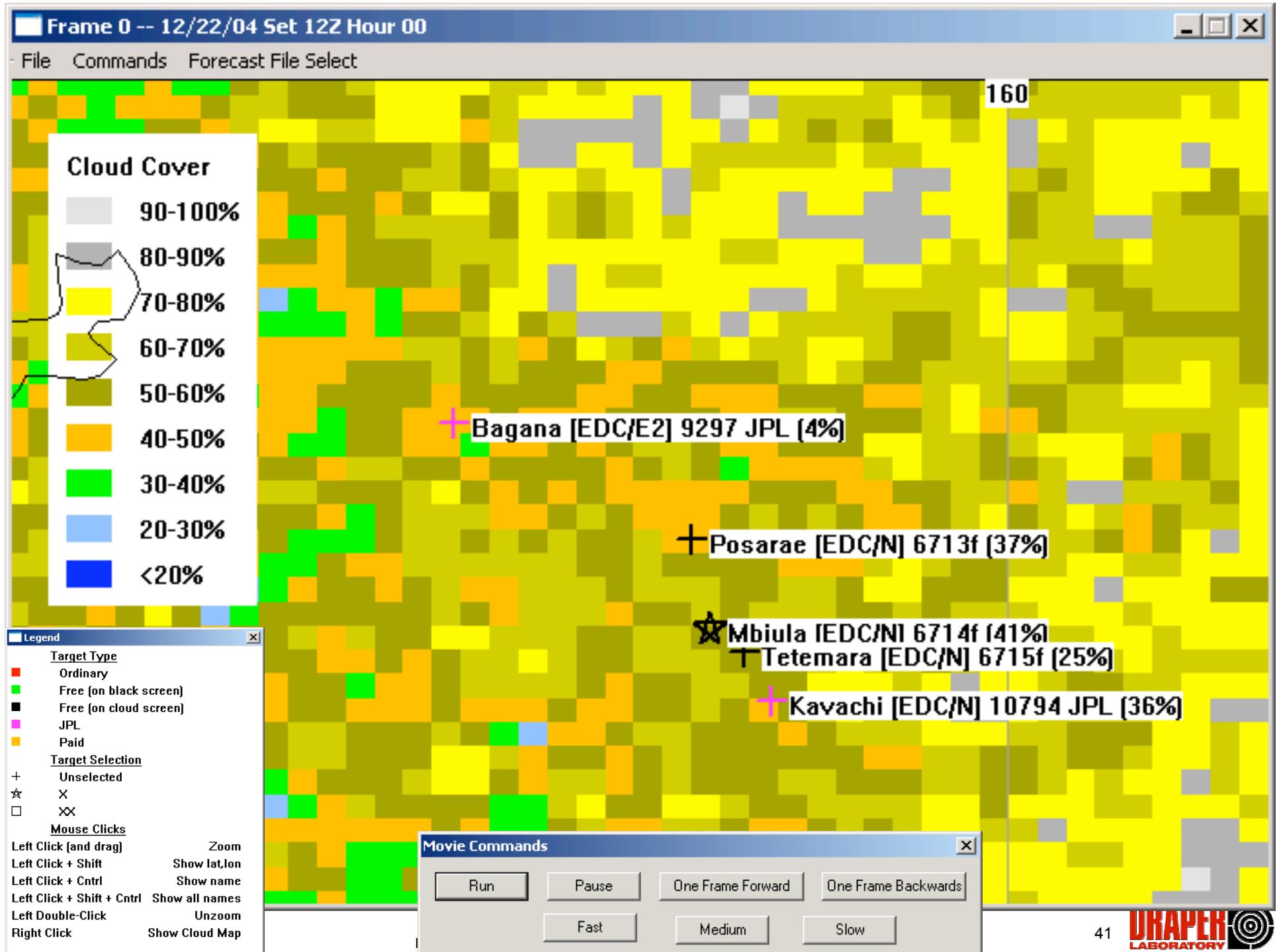


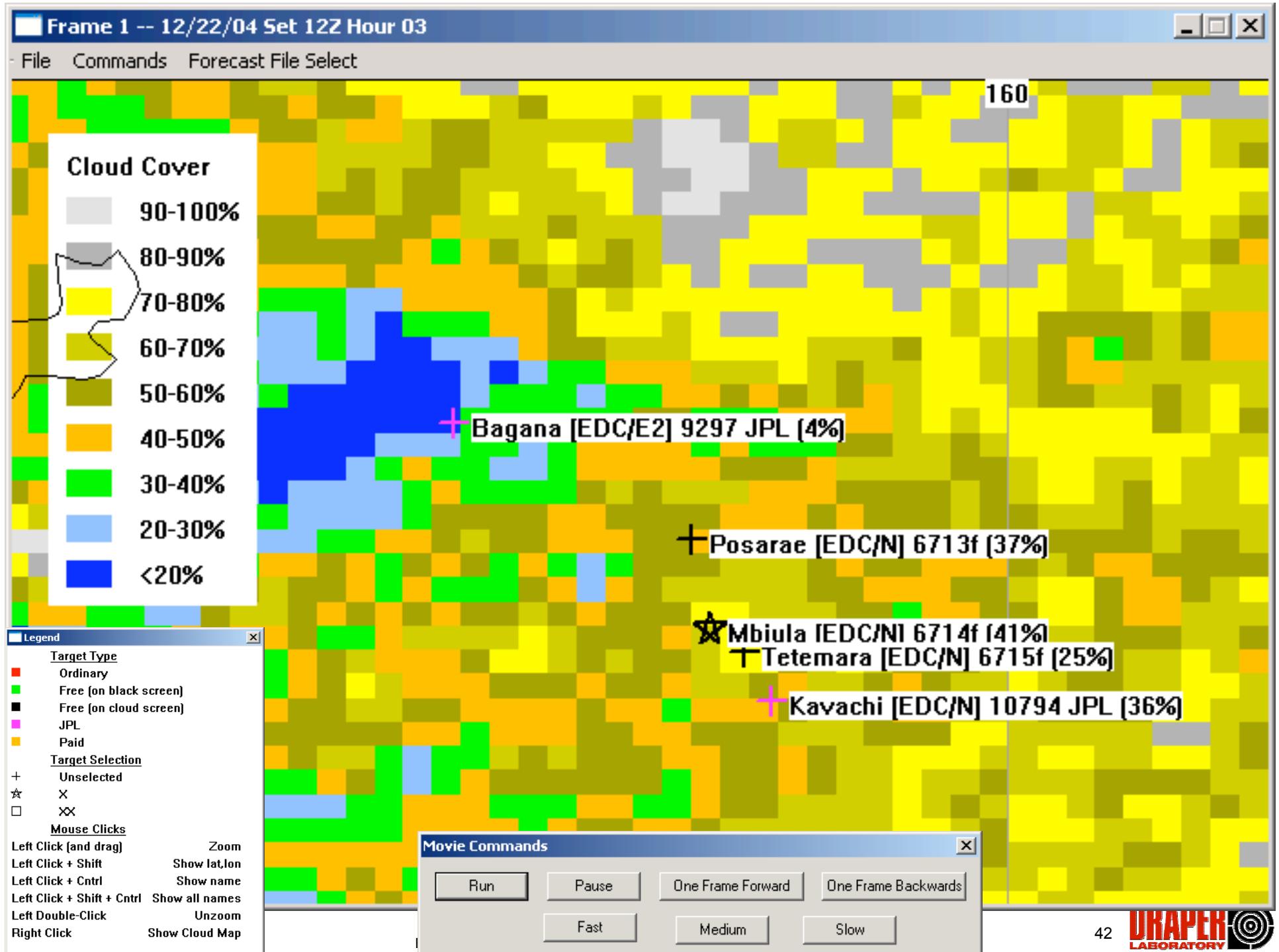


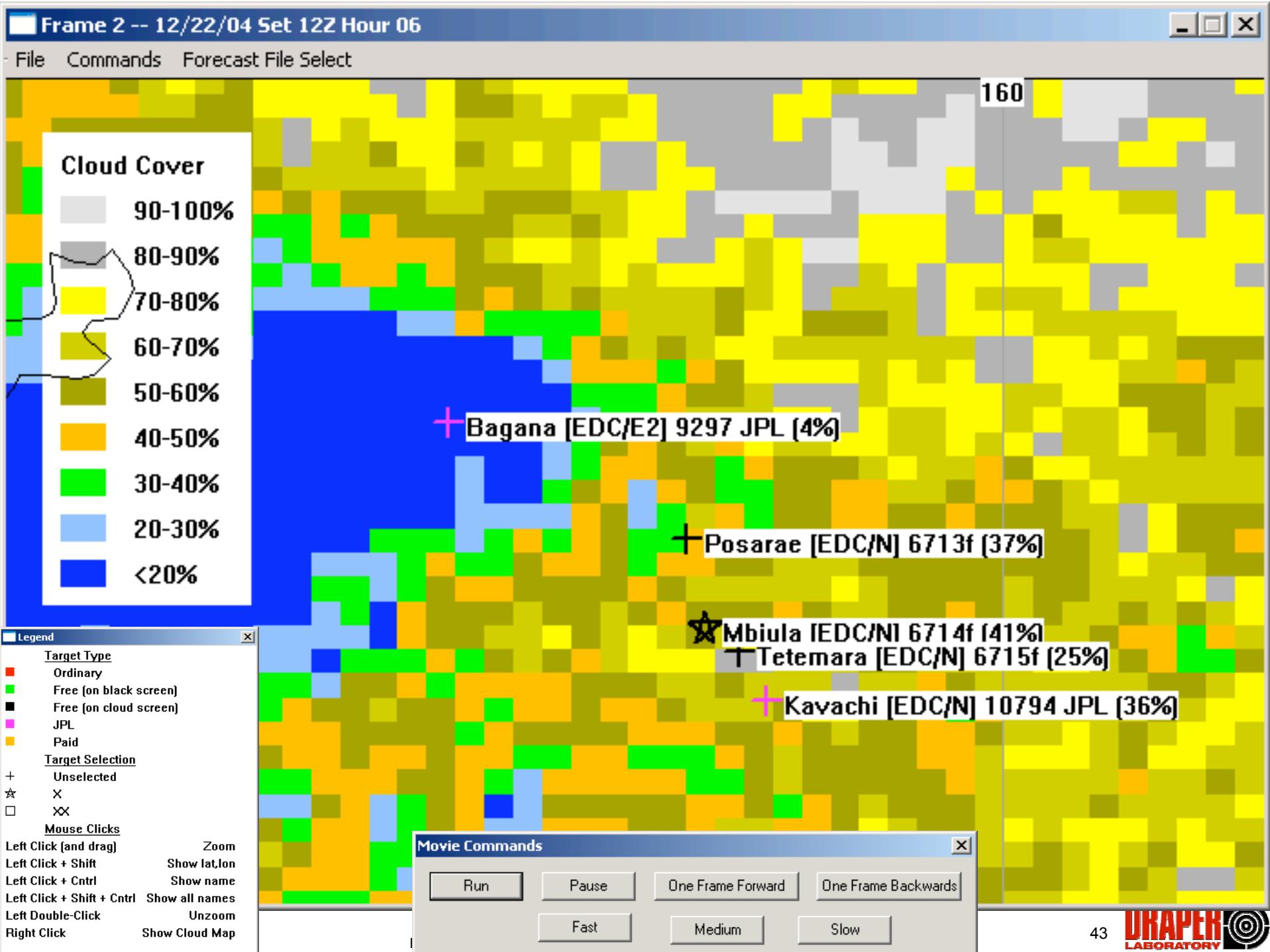


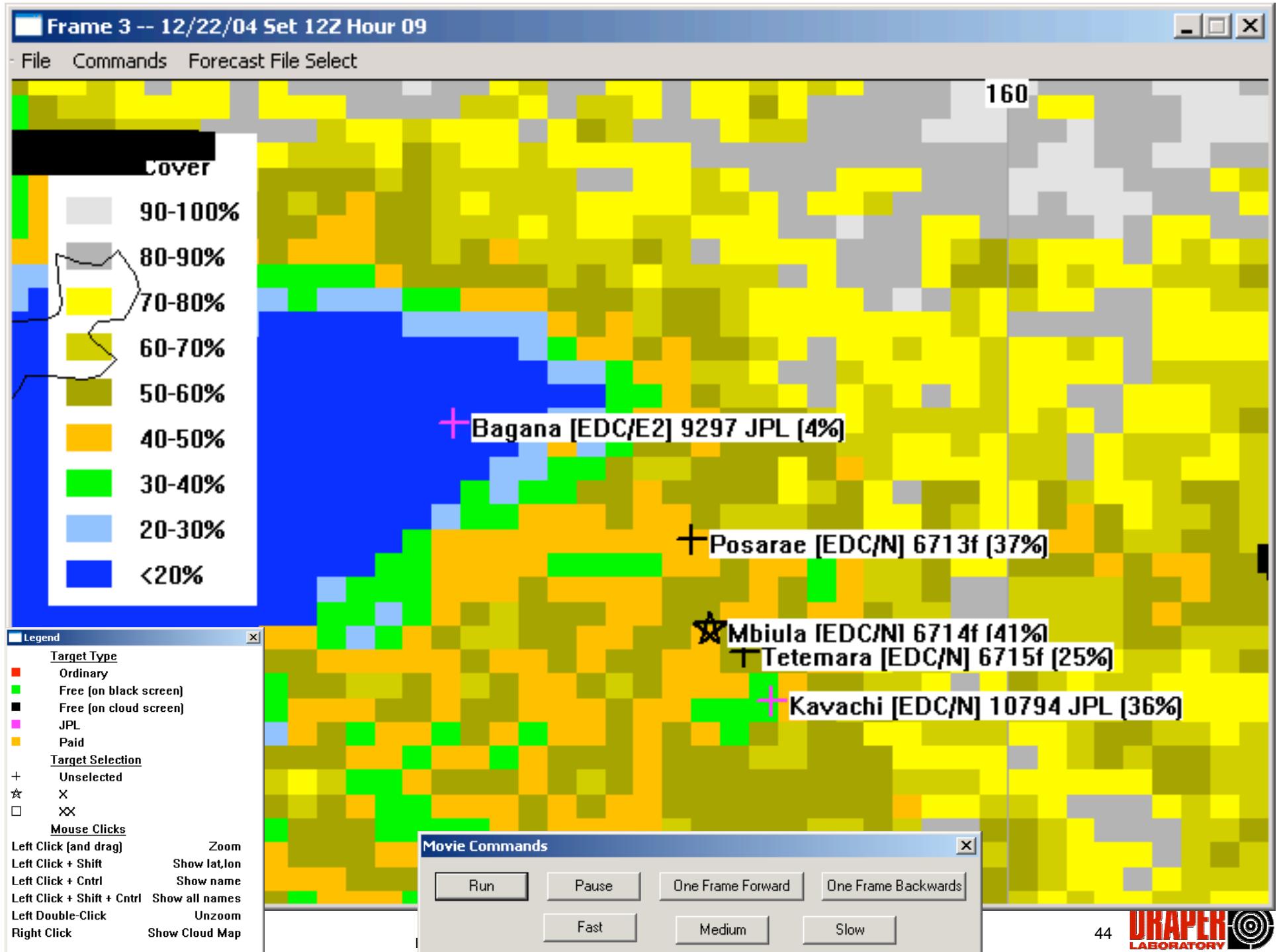


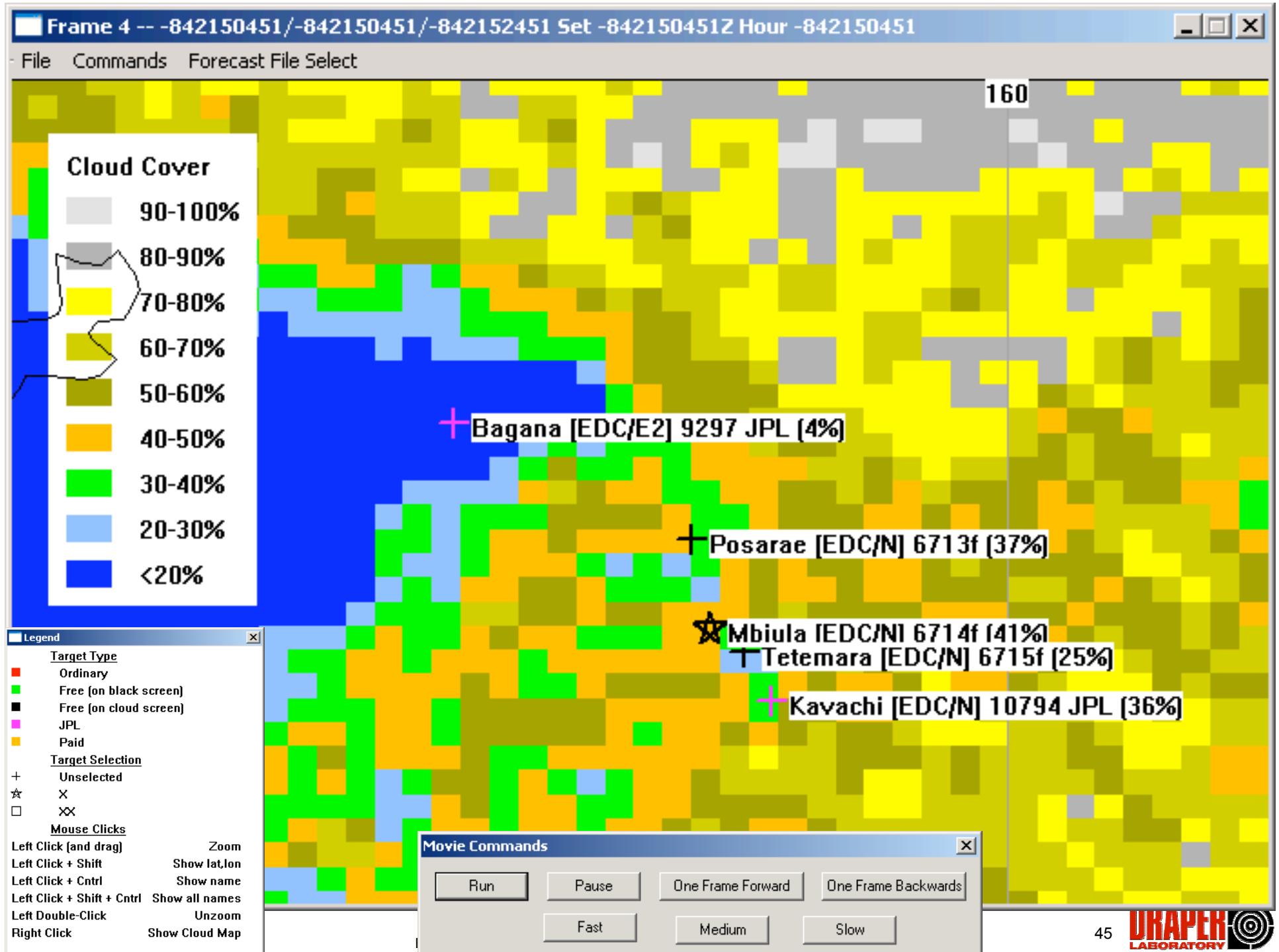


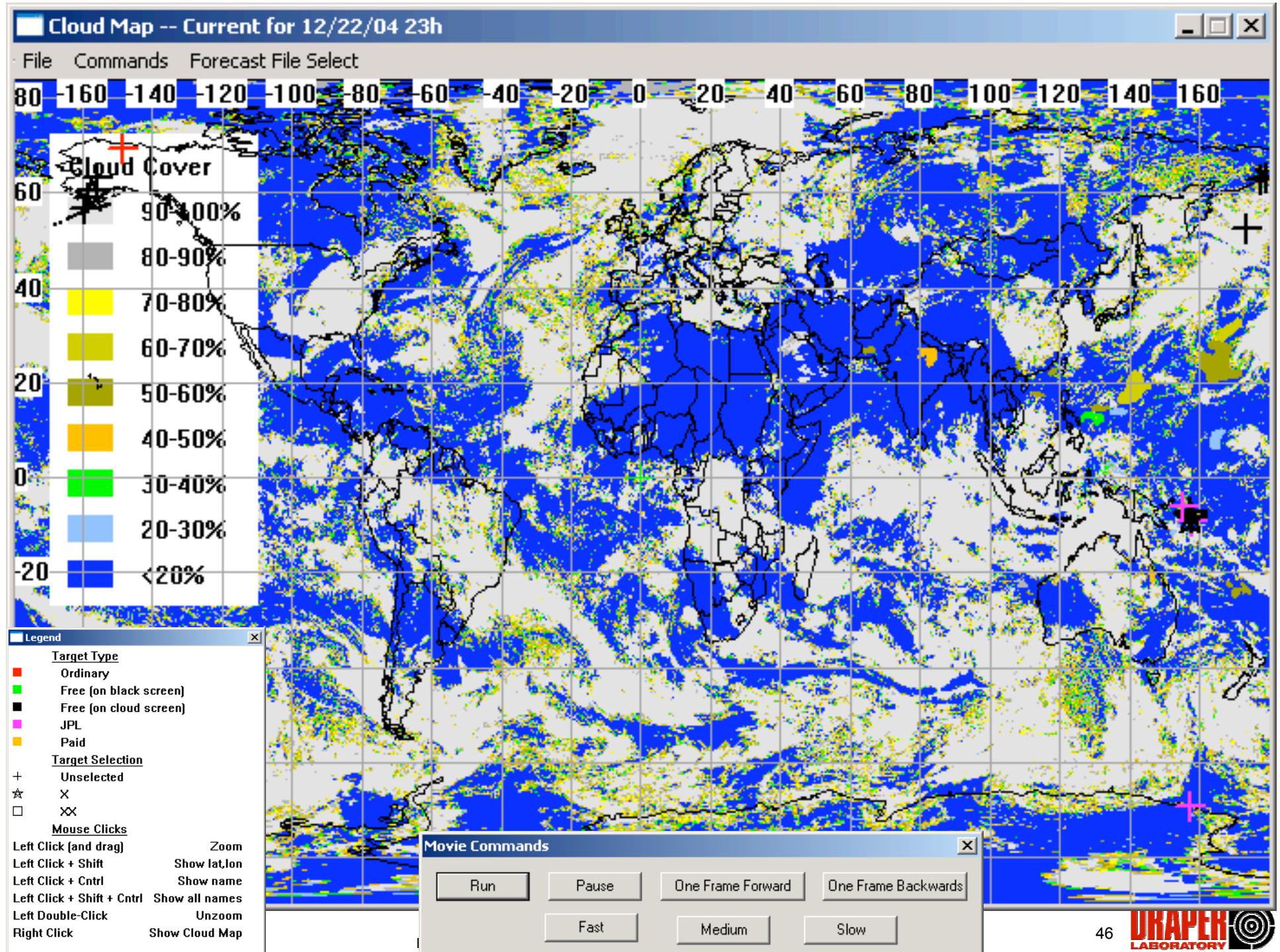


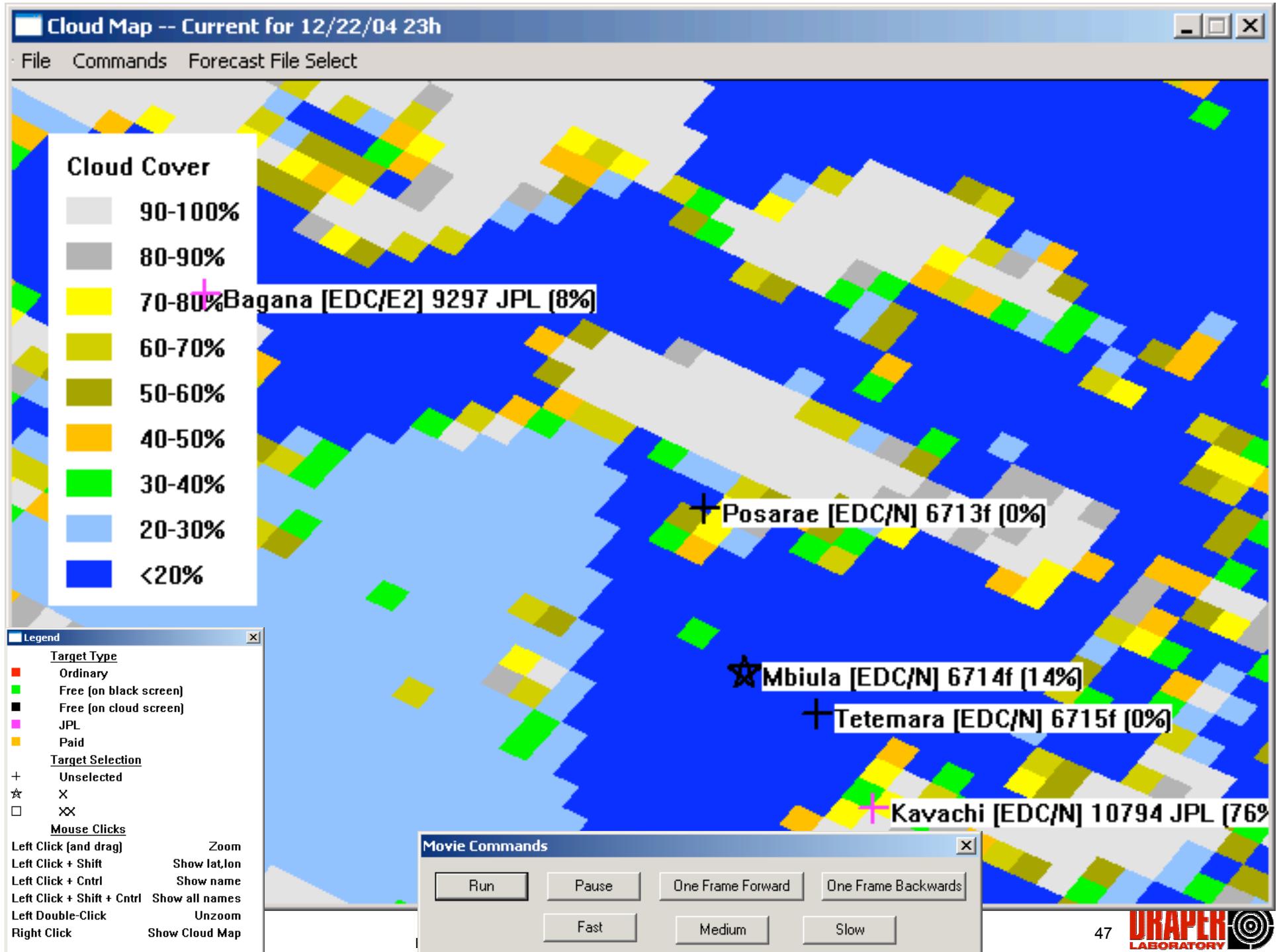






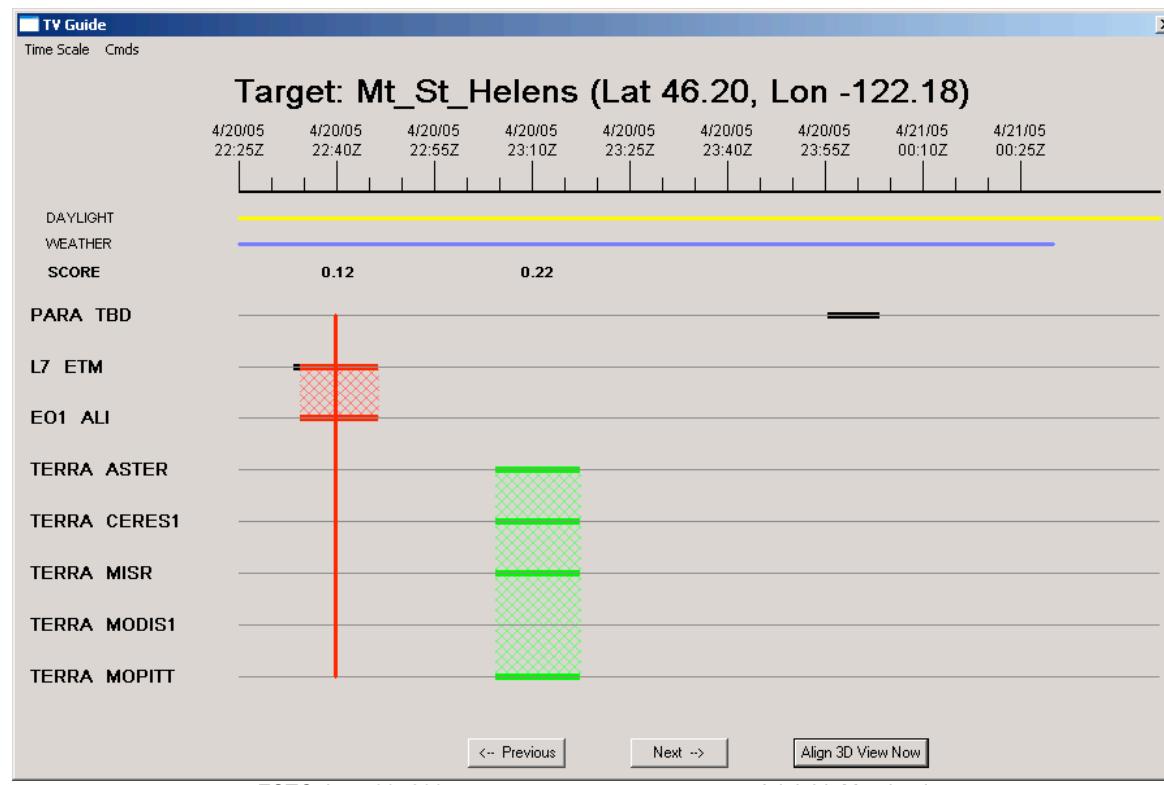






TV Guide

- A new display is being developed to highlight the opportunities for simultaneous or near-simultaneous viewing of a target from multiple satellite sensors
 - This display has the form of an extended scrollable time line
 - This chart is optionally synchronized with STK, so the positions and sightings of the chosen satellites at any time can be displayed in 3D in an STK window



Other Work in Progress

Improve Use of Forecast Data

- Currently use a independent stationary point estimate and equal priority targets to choose from
- **Work starting to:**
 - Take advantage of correlations, both spatial and temporal
 - Develop algorithm for handling unequal priority targets

TES and EO-1 Views

- Significant number of possible near-simultaneous views of active volcanoes by EO-1 and TES during a 16-day repeat cycle

